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PRODUCTS FROM ITALY

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1. IN RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH EC OFFICIALS IN BRUSSELS,
TREASURY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SUCHMAN WAS TOLD THAT
THE ITALIAN LAW (DECREE 365 OF AUGUST 11, 1975 AND DECREE
484 OF OCTOBER 10, 1975) WHICH IS THE OBJECT OF THE
TOMATO INQUIRY HAS NEVER BEEN IMPLEMENTED BECAUSE IT WAS
FOUND TO BE OBJECTIONABLE TO THE EC. IF IT IS TRUE
THAT THERE HAVE NEVER BEEN PAYMENTS AS AUTHORIZED UNDER
THESE DECREES AND THAT SUCH PAYMENTS ARE NOT RPT NOT
EXPECTED IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, TREASURY COULD ISSUE
A NEGATIVE DETERMINATION IN THIS CASE.

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2. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN FROM GOI OFFICIALS

WHETHER OR NOT THE SUPPORT PROGRAM TO ITALIAN TOMATO INDUSTRY HAS EVER BEEN IMPLEMENTED OR IF THERE ARE PLANS TO DO SO. IT SHOULD BE STRESSED TO THE ITALIANS THAT TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE IN OBTAINING THIS INFORMATION SINCE A

PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION MUST BE MADE BY NO LATER THAN JANUARY 2, 1977. IN ADDITION, SINCE TREASURY IS REOPENING A COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATION IN THIS CASE, IT HAS INDICATED THAT THE FINAL DETERMINATION COULD BE ISSUED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH A PRELIMINARY DECISION. IN THAT EVENT, LIQUIDATION OF ENTRIES WOULD BE SUSPENDED AS OF DATE OF PUBLICATION IN FEDERAL REGISTER. TREASURY HAS MORE COUNTERVAILING DUTY ORDERS AND INQUIRIES AGAINST ITALY THAN ANY OTHER COUNTRY. IT IS OBVIOUSLY IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE GOI THAT THOSE INQUIRIES, WHICH LEGITIMATELY CAN, BE PUT TO REST IMMEDIATELY RATHER THAN TO RAISE ONE MORE PROBLEM IN THIS AREA. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S RESPONSE SOONEST. ROBINSON

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